

STATE OF MAINE  
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
**PROPOSED** AMENDMENTS TO  
MAINE BAR RULES

1. Rule 1(g) of the Maine Bar Rules is amended to read as follows:

**RULE 1. STRUCTURE**

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**(g) Roster of Lawyers.** The Board shall maintain current information relating to all lawyers admitted to the Maine Bar including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) full name and all names under which the lawyer has been admitted or practiced;
- (2) date of birth;
- (3) current office address, telephone number, and email address;
- (4) current residence address, telephone number, and email address;
- (5) date of admission to the Maine Bar;
- (6) registration status and the date of any transfer to or from a status;
- (7) social security or federal identification number;
- (8) other jurisdictions in which the lawyer is admitted and date of admission;
- (9) location and account numbers in which clients' funds are held by the lawyer;
- (10) nature, date, and place of any discipline imposed and any reinstatements in any other jurisdiction;

(11) whether the lawyer, if engaged in the private practice of law, maintains professional liability insurance (*see* Rule 4(b)(4));

(12) if engaged in the private practice of law in Maine, the name of an active status attorney who has consented to serve as a proxy on behalf of the attorney (*see* Rule 32); ~~and~~

(13) the bar number assigned to every admitted lawyer; and

(14) an email address to be used by other parties and the courts for electronic service of documents, notices, and any other records through the electronic court systems implemented by the Maine Judicial Branch.

The information submitted pursuant to this rule shall be made available to the public with the exception of information deemed confidential by the Board.

### **Advisory Note – \_\_\_\_ 2021**

Rule 1 is amended to add subdivision (g)(14), which requires rostered lawyers to specify an email address to be used by other parties and the courts for electronic service of documents, notices, and any other records through the electronic court systems implemented by the Maine Judicial Branch.

2. Rule 4(a) of the Maine Bar Rules is amended to read as follows:

### **RULE 4. REGISTRATION**

**(a) Requirement.** Every lawyer admitted to active practice in Maine shall pay to the Board an annual registration fee for each fiscal year beginning July 1st. The annual registration fee, established by the Court on recommendation of the Board, shall be used to defray the costs of the Board and of other components of the system of lawyer regulation under other rules established by the Court, and for those other purposes the Court shall from time to time designate.

Additionally, in accordance with the Rules for the Maine Assistance Program for Lawyers Rule 1(C)(1) and the Maine Rules for the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Rule 3(a), every lawyer admitted to active practice and full-time and active retired judges required to register in accordance with these

Rules shall pay assessments in support of the mission of these entities. The assessments shall be established by the Court.

Every lawyer admitted to active practice in Maine shall maintain an active, current email address for electronic service that will be used by other parties and the courts for electronic service of documents, notices, and any other records through electronic court systems and shall notify the Board immediately of any change in that address.

**Advisory Note - \_\_\_\_ 2021**

Rule 4(a) is amended to incorporate a third paragraph requiring every lawyer admitted to active practice in Maine to maintain an active, current email address for electronic service that will be used by other parties and the courts for electronic service of documents, notices, and any other records through electronic court systems and to notify the Board immediately of any change in that address.